

high school, and you have a job that pays you about \$8 an hour, and you probably make 800 a month, net.

CONGRESSMAN SANDERS: Dan is making a very, very important point. And that is, if you are working, earning \$8 an hour or \$10 an hour, just do the arithmetic and figure out how you would be able to pay rents of—what?—500 or 600 a month?

DAN HILL: It's about \$750 for a two-bedroom apartment.

CONGRESSMAN SANDERS: So if you had a kid and were making \$8 an hour, you do the arithmetic. And what you find is that you end up spending 50 or 60 percent of your income for housing, which leaves very little left over to do other things that human beings need to do.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CARL EDWIN
MCMILLEN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Carl Edwin McMillen who recently passed away in Montrose, Colorado. Carl was a valued member of the Montrose community and he will be deeply missed by those whose lives he touched. Carl's memory will continue to live on through his devoted wife, children, grandchildren, and friends and as they mourn his loss, I think it is appropriate that we remember Carl for his many contributions throughout his life.

Born, adopted and raised in Kansas, Carl graduated from high school in Winona, Kansas and went on to attend college in the city of McPherson. There he met his wife of sixty years, Betty and together they raised five children, later in life enjoying thirteen grandchildren and two great-grand children. As an orphan, Carl always took great pride and joy in his large and ever growing family and was known throughout the community as a kind and caring patriarch.

Carl served this country in WWII as a surgical technician in the United States Army Medical Corps. For his service to this Nation, he was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the American Theater Medal. In 1964, Carl and his family moved to Colorado eventually ending up in Montrose. Carl served the people of his community for over twenty years at Montrose Memorial Hospital and after his retirement, continued to volunteer his time and experience to the hospital as a medical records clerk and van driver. A devoted Christian and member of the Montrose Christian Church, Carl felt strongly that anyone who wanted to attend church should have the chance to do so. As a result, he was frequently seen on Sundays driving hospital patients to and from services. In addition to his church service, he remained occupied with gardening, singing, the Lions Club, the Chipeta Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society, and the Moore Demoret 17 Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans.

Mr. Speaker, after a long and full life, Carl passed away at the age of 81 of cancer. Carl had courageously faced the disease that would attack his body but never could touch his gentle spirit. Those who survive him must certainly feel lucky to have enjoyed him in their lives. It is a great honor to bring the life and compassion of Carl Edwin McMillen to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation. He was a gracious man and will be dearly missed.

FOCUS ON LITERACY, INC.

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the outstanding accomplishments of the only New Jersey-based statewide literacy provider, Focus on Literacy, Inc. celebrates its 21st anniversary on July 2nd. In 1986 Focus on Literacy, Inc. through an Act of the United States Congress Established July 2nd as National Literacy Day. In 1989 Focus on Literacy, Inc. received the President's Volunteer Action Award Citation for its effort. This year is the 17th anniversary of National Literacy Day.

Illiteracy is a non-partisan issue that effects all ages and demographics. The consequences of illiteracy have a profound generational effect as illiteracy perpetuates illiteracy. The lack of literacy skills in adults has a direct and measurable effect on the education and the quality of life of their children. Illiteracy inhibits people from being viable and productive members of our society. Non-readers are not able to make contributions back to our communities.

It is estimated 70% of the unemployed and 65–85% of the incarcerated have reading problems. If literacy skill are improved there might not be a need for some of the tax dollar supported services currently in existence. Illiteracy costs the taxpayer billions of dollars in lost revenue as well as costs for additional programs such as welfare, job training, criminal rehabilitation, and insurance losses. Illiteracy is everyone's problem; it doesn't just affect the individual. The illiterate individual is our untapped resource for they do possess under utilized talents and abilities.

As a country we stand by the belief that everyone is entitled to an education, but those who cannot read must HEAR by word of mouth, since they are unable to read, that there is a free and private assistance available for them. Unless they are informed, the illiterate will not know where to get help let alone know enough to seek it. As a nation, it is everyone's responsibility to assist each other and make sure the information is disseminated to aid all concerned. There is no shame with being illiterate; the shame is not doing something about it.

July 2nd National Literacy Day was established to thank volunteers and to encourage the television and radio media to broadcast and advertise ONLY Public Service Announcements for free literacy services for this one

day a year in order to publicize and inspire those in need to come forward to help themselves to correct their reading deficiency. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing this group and its accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF THE EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM AT THE
NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF
TECHNOLOGY

HON. ROBERT MENEDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. MENEDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 30th anniversary of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). The celebration will take place on Friday, April 26, 2002, at NJIT's Van Houten Theater, and is followed by a gala in the Hazell Center Ballroom and Gallery.

For three decades, the Educational Opportunity Program has served New Jersey's underrepresented student population majoring in engineering, science, and technology. Each year, the EOP program provides educational support services including: tutorial and financial assistance; informational seminars to help freshmen learn about potential career opportunities; and required community service projects in Newark, providing sophomores with hands on experience in their field of study.

Having assisted over 3,150 full-time freshmen at NJIT, many of these students have won honors and awards for their academic and community work. The graduates of the Educational Opportunity Program have entered the workforce well equipped and prepared to make positive contributions to our community. These young people have turned into the professional adults of today, working for our country's major corporations and technological entities such as NASA, AT&T, Johnson & Johnson, Lucent Technologies, IBM, PSE&G, and many more.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Educational Opportunity Program, which has recognized the importance of our youth by helping them succeed in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I am recorded as not having voted on Passage of H.R. 3763, the Corporate and Auditing Accountability and Responsibility Act, on April 24, 2002.

This is not correct, Mr. Speaker. On Rollcall 110, I voted AYE, to pass H.R. 3763.

I have asked the Office of Legislative Operations to inspect the voting machines. In the meantime, I want the Record to reflect that I did vote in favor of H.R. 3763, the Corporate and Auditing Accountability and Responsibility Act.